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Nevada Talking Book Services

Census 2020 is Counting on You

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April 1, 2020, is Census Day.

On March 12, the U.S. Census Bureau will mail households an invitation to respond to the census. Guides will be available in braille and large print. For the first time, households will have three ways to respond: online, by calling a toll-free number, or by mail.

In mid-April, census workers will begin visiting homes that have not responded to collect information in person.

Census results play a large part in determining how government entities allocate hundreds of billions of dollars each year for services that communities rely on. Historically, certain groups of people have been undercounted in the census. We want to make sure that the people we serve—people who are blind or visually impaired, or who have a disability that makes reading regular print difficult—are aware of, and participate in, the 2020 census.

According to the American Library Association, census data are used to make decisions about how and where to spend more than \$800 billion each year. Census data also drives federal funding allocations for libraries, and it is used to determine representation in Congress and the Electoral College. Communities that are undercounted are disadvantaged economically and politically.

The census is conducted every 10 years as required by the Constitution. The census form will ask questions about all the people who live and sleep in a household most of the time as of April 1, 2020. The form will take about 10 minutes to complete. Every response counts. Please be counted.

BARD Workshops Scheduled

If you are interested in learning more about Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD), BARD Express, and BARD Mobile, please sign up for one or more of the phone-in classes we have scheduled. Librarian Hope Williams and Outreach Technician Brett Silver will be hosting four one-hour sessions on our toll-free conference call line. The classes are free, but basic computer skills and the ability to manipulate your Apple or Android device are required.

Please RSVP by calling 775-684-3381 or email hwilliams@admin.nv.gov. Each class is limited to the first 10 patrons to respond.

BARD Express. March 11, 2020, at 2 p.m. This session will introduce you to this software that simplifies the download process, eliminating the extraction process that will be discussed in the second training session. You will need to download the software before the class. Instructions for this will be sent to participants prior to the class.

BARD Mobile Apps. May 13, 2020, at 2 p.m. This session will be for those with an active BARD account and an Android and/or Apple device. We will talk about how to download books to these devices using the app developed for use by patrons of this program. You will be asked to download the app prior to the class.

New Support Group in Northern Nevada

A new support group for people who are adjusting to loss of eyesight is forming at Northern Nevada Center for Independent Living in Sparks. The group will meet at the Center and is for people who are currently experiencing a significant change in vision status. Please contact Mark Tadder at 775-353-3599, ext. 111, for more information.

Invitation to Participate in Employment Research

If you are legally blind, 18 or older, comfortable verbalizing your thoughts in English and have been employed in the last five years, you can join this study and earn a \$25 VISA gift card.

A research team comprised of blind and sighted scholars at the Envision Research Institute is investigating the experiences of blind and visually impaired individuals at different stages of the employment cycle as these relate to Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The goal is to understand effective hiring and retention policies for including blind/visually impaired people in the workforce.

Volunteers selected will be asked to complete a questionnaire which will take about 45 minutes. A follow-up interview may be scheduled to clarify some responses. Upon completion of the study, the participant will receive the \$25 gift card as a token of appreciation. If interested in participating, or for further questions, please contact Marco Tarantino: email: marco.tarantino@envisionus.com; phone: 316-440-1524.

Blood Aces: The Wild Ride of Benny Binion, the Texas Gangster who Created Vegas Poker

DBC04799

By Doug J. Swanson

Narrated by Bill Andrews

Benny Binion's persona of a small-town Texas hick, with rumpled shirts and too-short ties, hid a complex, intelligent and infamous man who could charm or kill with equal ease. This biography of a business icon, owner of the Horseshoe Casino, shows how Las Vegas operated in its golden era. Some descriptions of sex, strong language, and violence. 2014

The Red Queen's Run: A Red Solaris Mystery DBC13305

By Bourne Morris

Narrated by Melinda Artz

A famous journalism dean is found dead at the bottom of a stairwell. Accident or murder? When Meredith "Red" Solaris is appointed interim dean, the faculty suspects are furious; will the beautiful red-haired professor be next? Contains some violence, some strong language and some descriptions of sex. Book1. 2017

Elvis, Marilyn, and the Space Aliens: Icons on Screen in Nevada

DBC08388

By Robin Holabird

Narrated by Frieda Ford

An insider's look into movie making in Nevada drawing on the author's extensive experience as a film commissioner. The book is a fun mixture of research, personal experiences, and analyses about how Nevada became the location of choice for a broad spectrum of well-known films and characters. 2017

We're in Trouble: Stories

DBC13312

By Christopher Coake

Narrated by Frieda Ford

Seven short stories with astonishing range and empathy depict realistic characters in response to suffering. Contains strong language, some violence and explicit descriptions of sex. 2005

Rants from the Hill: On Packrats, Wildfires, Curmudgeons, a Drunken Mary Kay Lady & Other Encounters with the Wild in the High Desert.

DBC13340

By Michael P. Branch

Narrated by Bill Andrews

In this collection of short, comic rants, the author explores various aspects of life in the remote, high-desert of Nevada's Great Basin. Adventure, humor, and irreverence abound along with some environmental perspective from an eco-critic. 2017

The Haunting of Las Vegas

DBC13349

By Janice Oberding

Narrated by Bill Andrews

Short stories of spirits haunting halls and apparitions of famous individuals who visit regularly. Haunted locations abound and take center stage. Contains some violence. 2008

A Postal Journey

DBC 13329

By Nancy Raven

Narrated by Rob Allencourt

This book of photos and stories of the current 100 Nevada post offices, other buildings of color and character, as well as postal staff, offers a unique venue for exploring Nevada. 2017

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